GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5301
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
ORGANISING RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS IN GREEN BELT AREAS
SUDHA YADAV

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court had directed in 1996 that social and religious functions will not be organised in the green belt under master Plan of DDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the regional park near Pocket D, Deep Enclave, Phase III, Ashok Vihar is an ornamental and fully developed green belt area declared since 1970-71;

(d) if so, whether DDA is not complying with the aforesaid directives of the Supreme Court in respect of this area;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether DDA has allocated funds for the maintenance and upkeep of this park;

(g) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years;

(h) whether the funds allocated have been spent for the desired purposes;

(i) if so, the factual position in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(j) the income earned by DDA from this park during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Hon`ble Supreme Court in its order dated 6.12.1996 inthe writ petetion (Civil) 4677 of 1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta vs. UOI and others has held that the use of parks by the MCD, the NDMC and the DDA for commercial/marriage purposes shall not be permitted for more than 10 days in a month. In other words, when any of the Designated Park is used for such purpose, thereafter no function shall be permitted during the remaining 20/21 days.

(c): The park near Pocket D, Deep enclave PhaseIII, Ashok Vihar is not a Regional Park but it is designated as a District Park in the Mster Plan-2001 and has been developed accordingly.

(d)&(e): DDA has informed that they are fully complying with the order of the hon`ble Supreme Court.

(f)&(g): Expenditure incurred on the upkeep and maintenance of this park is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
1998-1999	11.20
1999-2000	12.25
2000-2001	15.32

(h)& (i): Yes, Sir. The expenditure has been incurred against the whole scheme and not for a particular portion.

(j): The income earned by DDA from booking for the last 3 years is as under:

Year	Amount (in Rs.)
1998-99	3.09 lacs
1999-2000	5.83 lacs
2000-2001	1.39 lacs